

Potential Indicators of Suspicious Activities Related to K-12 Education Facilities

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Suspicious persons wearing bulky clothing that could conceal a weapon
- Persons with sudden and dramatic changes in personality and increasingly erratic, unsafe, or aggressive behaviors
- Texts, posts, statements, or other communication of threats, plans of retribution, or warnings not to come to school
- Plans or diagrams of attack, lists of targets and other indications of attack plotting
- Persons creating, joining, or actively participating in online groups or communities that promote violent extremism or mass violence
- Persons expressing suicidal comments, “putting things in order” or increasing paranoia (“everybody is against me”)
- Individuals ideologizing past attackers, expressing empathy with individuals committing violence, or fixated on attack anniversary dates
- Bringing weapons to school, stockpiling weapons and ammunition, or an increase in unsolicited comments about firearms, or other dangerous weapons
- Unusual inquiries from strangers regarding school hours (i.e., arrival and dismissal times), pupil attendance or population (i.e., ethnic or religious composition of the student body), or the presence of security measures
- Suspicious photography or videotaping of the school building or school functions
- Suspicious behavior by an individual attempting to enter a school or found in areas not open to the general public
- Unattended vehicles, packages, or objects inside or around the premise of a school
- Attempts at forced entry or unusual foreign item(s) attached to a school or school bus

It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

What Should I Do?

- ✓ Report threats (made verbally or on social media) using the FortifyFL App, by calling the “If You See Something, Say Something®” hotline at 855-FLA-SAFE or by contacting your local law enforcement agency
- ✓ Save copies of any online postings displaying suspicious behaviors
- ✓ If something seems wrong, notify authorities with detailed descriptions of behaviors

Ensuring school safety is a community effort. By learning what to look for, you can make a positive contribution to keeping schools safe.

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others. In an emergency, call 911.

This information was adapted from indicators provided by the FDLE. To learn about what is suspicious, please visit the Florida See Something, Say Something website at www.FLSeeSay.org. To learn more about Florida's school safety reporting app visit www.GetFortifyFL.com.

